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SUBJECT: REPORT OF JRA ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 3892, (B) BUENOS AIRES 3953

FROM SY/CC/TAG, USSS FOR ID

1. APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
HAVE BEEN CONTACTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO VERIFY INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN REFTELS. TAG HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY
THE INFORMATION THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE RED
ARMY (JRA) HAD BEEN SIGHTED IN BUENOS AIRES. HOWEVER,
TAG IS PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR
YOUR INFORMATION.

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2. T O H I R A, KAZUO WAS ARRESTED AT STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
ON 3/11/75 FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN AN INTELLIGENCE
RECONNAISSANCE OPERATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JRA
AGAINST THE LEBANESE EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM. SUBJECT WAS
DEPORTED FROM SWEDEN TO JAPAN ON 3/12/75, AND ON 4/03/75,
HE WAS INDICTED BY TOKYO PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR
USING FALSE JAPANESE PASSPORT. ON 8/5/75, SUBJECT WAS

RELEASED TO THE JRA AS A RESULT OF THEIR DEMANDS DURING

THEIR SEIZURE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR. TOHIRA WAS FLOWN TO LIBYA AND SINCE THEN HIS MOVEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN RECORDED IN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AVAILABLE TO TAG. PRESS SPECULATION AT THE TIME OF THE JRA HIJACKING OF THE JAL PLANE AT DACCA, BANGLADESH IN 9/77 COUNTED TOHIRA AS ONE OF THE HIJACKERS, BUT OFFICIAL GOJ REPORT DOES NOT LIST HIM AS ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS. TOHIRA WAS BORN ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 09 DEC 2014] IN KOBE CITY, JAPAN. TOHIRA IS KNOWN TO USE THE FOLLOWING ALIASES: T A N A K A, KAZUO; Y O S H I H A R U, YAMANAKA; AND K A Z U O, TOHIRO.

3. THE INDIVIDUAL NOTED IN REFTTEL B A S W A M A M O T O, MARIKO PROBABLY CORRESPONDS TO ONE Y A M A M O T O, MARIKO WHO IS A KNOWN JRA MEMBER WHO WAS EXPELLED FROM FRANCE TO ROME IN 8/74. HER NAME WAS DISCOVERED DURING AN INVESTIGATION OF Y A M A D A, YOSHIAKI, A JRA ACTIVIST WHO WAS ARRESTED IN 7/74 IN PARIS. YAMAMOTO HAS NOT BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SHE WAS, HOWEVER, THOUGHT TO BE ONE OF THE HIJACKERS OF THE JAL PLANE IN 9/77, BUT THIS WAS LATER REFUTED BY GOJ AS PRESS SPECULATION. YAMAMOTO WAS BORN ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 09 DEC 2014] IN FUOKIA, JAPAN. SHE IS ALSO KNOWN BY THE FOLLOWING ALIASES: S L Y B Y, MARIKO; Y A M A K I, MARIKO; Y A M A M O T O, SLYBY; K A T O, CONFIDENTIAL

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SHIZUE; S H I Z U E, KATO; AND M A R I K O, YAMAMOTO.

4. PLEASE CONTINUE TO REPORT SUCH FINDINGS AS THE CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN WILL BE TRAVELING IN LATIN AMERICA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. CHRISTOPHER

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